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BUDGET PROVISION FOR TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provision made for extention programme for tobacco during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during the above period; and

(c) the reasons for non- utilisation of funds provided for ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The budget provisions made for extension programmes undertaken by the Tobacco Board over the past three years is as follows :

Year Budget Provision (Rs. in lakhs)

	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Total
1999-2000	54.00	36.00	90.00
2000-2001	8.73	51.96	60.69
2001-2002	68.00	53.50	121.50

Source: Tobacco Board

(b) The amount spent on these programmes State-wise over the same period is as follows :

Year Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)

	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Total
1999-2000	29.10	29.70	58.80
2000-2001	10.17	2.83	13.00
2001-2002	29.00	10.76	39.76

Source Tobacco Board

(c) The reasons for partial utilisation of funds lie in the non-eligibility of a large number of growers due to failure to fulfil the conditions laid down by the Tobacco Board and the decision taken to not register any growers or fix any crop size for tobacco in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000-2001.